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SUBJ: WDC SPECIAL COMITE: SCALI- HOVEYDA MEETING

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BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING HIS MAY 9 MEETING WITH AMB SCALI IRANIAN PERMREP HOVEYDA ASKED QUESTIONS FORESEEN IN USUN 1725 AND SCALI RESPONDED AS PER PARA 8 USUN 1725. BRITISH AND FRENCH WILL TAKE SIMILAR BUT SOMEWHAT LESS NEGATIVE LINE WITH HOVEYDA MAY 10. USUN SUGGESTS WE RESPOND ORALLY TO IRANIAN MISSION REGARDING HOVEYDA' S DEMARCHE IN MID- JUNE, AFTER HOVEYDA' S DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK (WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL BE ABSENT FROM NEW YORK UNTIL MID- JULY). END SUMMARY.

1. PURSUANT TO HIS " MANDATE ," AMB HOVEYDA (IRAN) CALLED ON AMB SCALI MAY 9 AMB BENNETT AND POLCOUNS ALSO PRESENT. HOVEYDA WAS METICULOUS IN DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAN CALLING UNOFFICIALLY ON " EXPLORATORY NON- MISSION" AS REPRESENTATIVE OF 31 MEMBERS OF WDC STUDY GROUP THAT HAD BEEN NAMED BY TREPCZYNSKI. HE SAID MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD FOLLOWED HIS FORMULA AND INDIVIDUALLY REQUESTED HIM TO ACT.

2. BEFORE ASKING EXPECTED QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF " THE

THIRTY- ONE," HOVEYDA SAID THAT HE HAD SUCCEEDED DESPITE SOV PRESSURE IN KEEPING THE TREPCZYNSKI- DESIGNATED GROUP FROM BECOMING FORMAL COMITE. WHEN ASKED TO CHAIR GROUP, HE HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT AND HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVT TO ACT AS MODERATOR (NOT CHAIRMAN) OF INFORMAL GROUP ONLY IF REQUESTED BY ALL MEMBERS TO DO SO. THIS CONDITION HAD GIVEN HIM NECESSARY LEVERAGE.

3. AFTER SIX MEETINGS, GROUP HAD NOT REACHED CONSENSUS TO CONSTITUTE OFFICIAL COMITE. NO BUREAU WOULD BE SELECTED. THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS AS TO WHAT TO DO ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF NUCLEAR POWERS PERMANENTLY REPRESENTED ON SC; MAJORITY OPPOSED PRESENT STRUCTURE BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC IMBALANCE.

4. CONSENSUS IN GROUP HAD BEEN REACHED ON SEVERAL POINTS: (A) GROUP SHOULD NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE BUT SHOULD IDENTIFY OBSTACLES IN FORMATION OF OFFICIAL COMITE AND DECIDE HOW THESE OBSTACLES COULD BE HANDLED IN 28 TH GA, (B) THERE SHOULD SOME DAY BE A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, (C) FOUR NON-PARTICIPATING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE APPROACHED BY HOVEYDA.

5. HOVEYDA REPORTED THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS HAD STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATION OF ANY DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. EVEN SOVS, WHO HAD MENTIONED SIX OR SEVEN YEARS HENCE AS LIKELY TIME FOR WDC, HAD AGREED THAT EVEN OFFICIAL PREPARATORY COMITE SHOULD PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY.

6. HOVEYDA THEN FORMALLY ASKED QUESTIONS FORESEEN PARA 2 REFTEL. SCALI RESPONDED PER INSTRUCTIONS, MAKING PERSONAL PREDICTION US UNLIKELY TO FIND IT COULD COOPERATE IF SPECIAL COMITE FORMED.

7. BUSINESS CONCLUDED, HOVEYDA GAVE OFF- RECORD PERSONAL OPINION THAT AMONG UN MEMBERSHIP THERE IS GENERAL INCLINATION IN FAVOR OF EVENTUAL WDC. HOWEVER, MAJORITY WANT TO AVOID CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVING SUCH CONF BECOME INSTRUMENT OF ONE POWER OR ANOTHER . THEY WANT CONF THAT WOULD HAVE PRACTICAL RESULT. ALREADY, HOVEYDA THOUGHT, WDC ITEM IS ESCAPING SOV CONTROL.

8. SCALI EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR HOVEYDA' S PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS, COMPLIMENTED HIM FOR SKILL WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN HANDLING HIMSELF AS MODERATOR OF WDC GROUP, AND INDICATED THAT HOVEYDA' S TALENTS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE CHALLENGED FURTHER BY SOV TACTICS. SCALI SAID HE COULD WELL UNDERSTAND THAT GENUINE YEARNING EXISTED AMONG MEDIUM AND SMALL POWERS FOR WDC. HOWEVER, HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THAT WDC COULD BE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR DEALING WITH DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS, EVEN IF UN COMMUNITY EVENTUALLY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO

ELIMINATE SOV PROPAGANDA FACTOR AND APPROACH PROBLEM ON REALISTIC BASIS. SCALI EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GLOBAL DISARMAMENT ISSUES SO COMPLEX AND TECHNICAL THAT IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO CONCEIVE THAT UN MEMBERS LACKING DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF THESE COMPLEXITIES COULD DEAL WITH THEM EFFECTIVELY.

9. OUT CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH AFTERNOON MAY 8 INDICATED THAT BOTH MISSIONS WILL TELL HOVEYDA MAY 10 (A) THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN WDC COMITE UNLESS ALL NUCLEAR POWERS AGREE TO PARTICIPATE AND (B) THEY WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING COOPERATION WITH COMITE. WE SUGGESTED US, UK AND FRENCH RESPONSES TO HOVEYDA' S DEMARCHE BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK; UK AND FRANCE READILY AGREED, NOTING THAT WEO' S NAMED TO WDC COMITE HAD URGED THIS TACTIC TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND VIS- A- VIS SOVS. (WEO' S FEEL THIS DELAYING MANEUVER WILL ENSURE THAT COMITE TAKES NO FORMAL ACTION UNTIL 28 TH GA.)

10. COMMENT: RECOMMEND OUR RESPONSE TO HOVEYDA' S DEMARCHE BE CONVEYED ORALLY TO IRANIAN UN MISSION FOLLOWING HOVEYDA' S DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK IN MID - JUNE.

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